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Drive starts for reform

by William March
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The Student Government (SG) Reorganization Movement will begin a petition drive today to call for a student body referendum on its reorganization proposals.

Walter Daniels, coordinator of the movement, said he anticipates no difficulty in getting far more than the 1,900 necessary signatures by the end of next week, in order to place the plan on the ballot Oct. 17.

Daniels said signing a petition to help bring the plan before a referendum does not necessarily indicate support for the plan by an individual student. "If you sign a petition, all it means is that you want to see the plan come before the student body."

The proposal would amend the Student Government constitution by abolishing

the Student Legislature (SL) and replacing it with a 20-member Campus Governing Council. It would insure representation on the council of minority races, women and graduate students.

A similar proposal failed last spring in a referendum by 54 votes, or less than one percentage point, to gather the two-thirds majority necessary for passage. Since then, the plan has been modified to call for a larger governing council and a two-year trial period for the proposal.

The plan now calls for a 20-member board instead of last year's 15. Of these, at least two would be men, at least two would be women and at least two would represent minority races. Also, graduate and professional students would be elected to the council proportionately to their percentage of the student body.

The proposal also calls for another referendum in 1975, at which time the student body could overturn the reorganization proposal by a two-thirds vote and return to the present form of government.

The main opposition to the plan has resulted from its provision for a smaller governing body. Opponents say the plan would lead to political elitism, and would result in lack of real representation and response to constituents by the councilors because of the large voting districts. Opponents also say the plan would yield too much power to the executive branch of government.

Replying to these charges, Daniels cited the example of the University of Michigan, which has "40,000 enrolled students and a governing council of 15."

In reply to charges that the plan would invest too much power in the executive branch, Daniels mentioned provisions of the plan which would allow the council to overrule a presidential veto by a simple majority instead of the currently required two-thirds; and the provision that the chair of the council be filled by election from among the members rather than by a member of the executive branch.

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Sometimes two people need to find a quiet place where they can enjoy just being alone with each other. The branches of this poplar beside Hill Hall provided this couple with all the privacy they needed. (Photo by Bill Welch)

Holshouser vows open government

by Amy O'Neal
Staff Writer

"People ask why the average voter is cynical and lacks faith in the system. When one party stays in power for 72 years, sooner or later the people's interest does not come first," Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Holshouser charged Tuesday afternoon.

Addressing the Student Bar Association (SBA) in the Institute of Government auditorium, Holshouser said the Democrats have too many party obligations to have time to listen to the people.

Holshouser described himself as having his "hands free of the handcuffs" and ready to "make sure the doors of state government are open to the people of this state."

Plans were cited to open agency and committee meetings to the public and to have open house at the Governor's office every other week so that people may directly express their opinions. Pointing to the release of his income tax forms to the public, Holshouser said, "I've got nothing to hide. I'm not in this to see what I can do for me."

Selection of superior court judges, distribution of drug information and allocation of more funds for mental health are among Holshouser's top priorities.

"The method of selection of superior court judges is simply designed to keep Republicans and blacks off the court bench," Holshouser charged.

Holshouser attacked the state's lack of a comprehensive highway plan, a fair auto insurance program and an awareness of the government's fiscal responsibility to the people.

In a question and answer session, Holshouser promised that with the state's portion of revenue sharing, "education has to be the top priority."

Prison reform was cited as being important. "We need rehabilitation programs in prison so that obvious economic situations will not force people to continually commit crimes in order to live."

Holshouser reiterated his promise not to raise taxes and to attempt annual legislative sessions. He explained, "If we went to annual sessions with full-time legislators, it would remove the hat of private enterprise and make the legislator more aware of the feelings of his constituents."

Budget requests

"This is a request that reflects the application of composite educational and professional judgment to the total responsibility of the state in higher education," UNC President William C. Friday said of the 1973-75 budget in his address to the state Advisory Budget Commission in Raleigh Tuesday.

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Counseling workshop set on problem pregnancies

by Ellen Gilliam
Staff Writer

The problem pregnancy—one during which a woman must decide to keep her child, place it up for adoption or terminate the pregnancy—can also create problems for the agency or social worker counseling her.

To assist individuals and agencies who work with these cases, seven public and private agencies are sponsoring the first North Carolina Workshop on Problem Pregnancy Counseling here Friday and Saturday.

The workshop will deal with adoption, the medical and legal aspects of abortion, sexual behavior and general counseling problems in handling the problem pregnancy.

The sponsoring agencies include the N.C. State Board of Health, N.C. Department of Social Services, N.C. Clergy Consultation Service, Carolina Population Center, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the UNC Medical School, Children's Home Society of North Carolina and the UNC Human

Sexuality Information and Counseling Service.

Workshop planners expect more than 350 counselors from state, county and city social service and health agencies, religious groups, colleges and schools to attend the counseling sessions.

Dr. Clark Vincent, co-founder of Sex Information and Education Council of the United States, will open the workshop at 1:45 p.m. Friday with a discussion of "Unwed Motherhood and Adoption... the Counselor's Perspective."

"Medical Aspects of Abortion" will be the topic of a presentation by Dr. James

Dingfelder of the UNC Medical School Obstetrics and Gynecology Department and Dr. John Wilke, author and lecturer on human sexuality, at 4:15 p.m.

At the evening session, Dr. Takey Crist, co-author of "Elephants and Butterflies... and Contraceptives," will debate Wilke on the issue of whether abortion is right or wrong. Wilke will oppose abortion; Crist will defend it.

Attorney Ernest Ratliff, assistant professor at the UNC Institute of Government, probes the legal aspects of keeping the child, placing it for adoption or having an abortion at the fourth session at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Register today

The last session of on-campus voter registration before the November election will be in Woolen Gym today from 1 to 9 p.m.

About 360 people registered to vote at the program Monday. Free cakes will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. Scott Madry, a member of South Wing band, will sing and play guitar in the side yard of Winston Dorm, across from the gym, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Officer D.G. Simms

Dirty Harry + Policeman Paul

by Peter Barnes
Feature Writer

Officer Simms—he's the guy who looks like the Dodge sheriff and passes out parking tickets, isn't he?

The guy who can spot a C sticker in an F lot from 50 paces.

The guy with a quicker write than Joe Frazier.

Yes, that's Officer D.G. Simms, Patrolman No. 2 of the UNC campus police, but don't stop there. Parking tickets are really just the tip of the iceberg that is Officer Simms.

He's parking tickets, all right, but he is also a lot more. And it is sort of a pity that not many people ever get to see the lot more.

There are really two Officer Simms, or rather, two pieces of the one Officer Simms. Underneath the gruff exterior lies the heart of one of the good old boys, the kind of guy that tries to be right neighborly when you'll just let him.

Gruff and neighborly

But the peculiar thing is, Simms isn't gruff one minute and then neighborly the next—he's gruff and neighborly all at the same time.

Chat with him for a second the next time he sticks a red envelope under your windshield wiper. Ask him if he's having a good day, if he caught any fish last weekend. Ask him about his grandson.

You'll still get the ticket, but you'll also get to see the other Officer Simms. He's gruff and neighborly all at the same time.

Of course you needn't feel too sorry for the infamous Officer Simms, because he's gone to a lot of trouble all by himself to create his image as the Dirty Harry of the parking lots.

"I don't make trouble for these people," he says with a Clint Eastwood snarl as he jots out another ticket, "they make it for themselves."

"I just remind them of it."

But then the image breaks, and the other side peeks through.

Remember Policeman Paul in your "Dick and Jane

Reader"? That's Simms' other side. Look at him wearing his yellow rain slicker and see if he doesn't look like he ought to be in a kid's book.

He's got big hands to help you across the street with. He's got that just-greying hair and slight paunch that all the policemen seem to acquire after a while. He's got the perfectly pressed uniform, and the shiny black shoes.

Yes, Policeman Paul is the other half of Officer Simms, gruff and neighborly all at the same time.

"I'm really just an old truck driver, you see," Simms said the other day, leaning up against a car, surveying the parking lot behind Peabody Hall.

"And that's the reason I'm so mean. Us truck drivers don't care a bit what all we tell 'em."

Beginnings

The Simms' story at UNC dates back to February of 1948, when the truck driver-turned-cop first put on patrolman grey and started handing out tickets. He worked here until the spring of 1951 when he quit for another brief stint behind the wheel of a truck.

But then on March 29, 1954, Simms returned to the force, and has been pounding the parking lots ever since.

"We do more than just check parking, you see," he said, glancing at a truck pulling out of a "No Trucks" lot.

"There's all kinds of regular police work stuff we do, like check vandalism and all."

But mostly it's parking, and from the Law School on the east past the Carolina Inn on the west, Simms and his fellow workers watch 14,000 cars fight for 9,000 spaces.

How many tickets has he passed out in all these years?

"Now there you've done asked me something I can't rightly answer you." And with a Policeman Paul grin he reaches back to pat the sheaf of tickets stuck in his left rear pocket.

Simms looks a lot younger than his 61 years, especially when you remember the miles of highway and long hours of work he's been through since June 29, 1911.

Born in Florida, he came to Chapel Hill in 1919 or 1920—he's not sure which—and has lived here ever since.

He started working young, hiring on in a cotton mill in Carboro first, and later working construction and driving taxis and trucks for several area firms.

He met his wife while they were still in school. "We started dating in the third grade," Simms said with a grin.

"And when I married her she was just 16 and me 20. October 10, 1931. At 7:30 one night in the courthouse in Danville, Va."

Why Virginia? "Well you see, to get married in Virginia you didn't have to have nothing but be willing to lie about your age."

The smile broke through again. "According to Virginia I'm already 62, and so's she." Lifting off his hat to wipe away the sweat, you can see the permanent crease in his forehead where hats of all sorts have left their mark through the years.

Life today

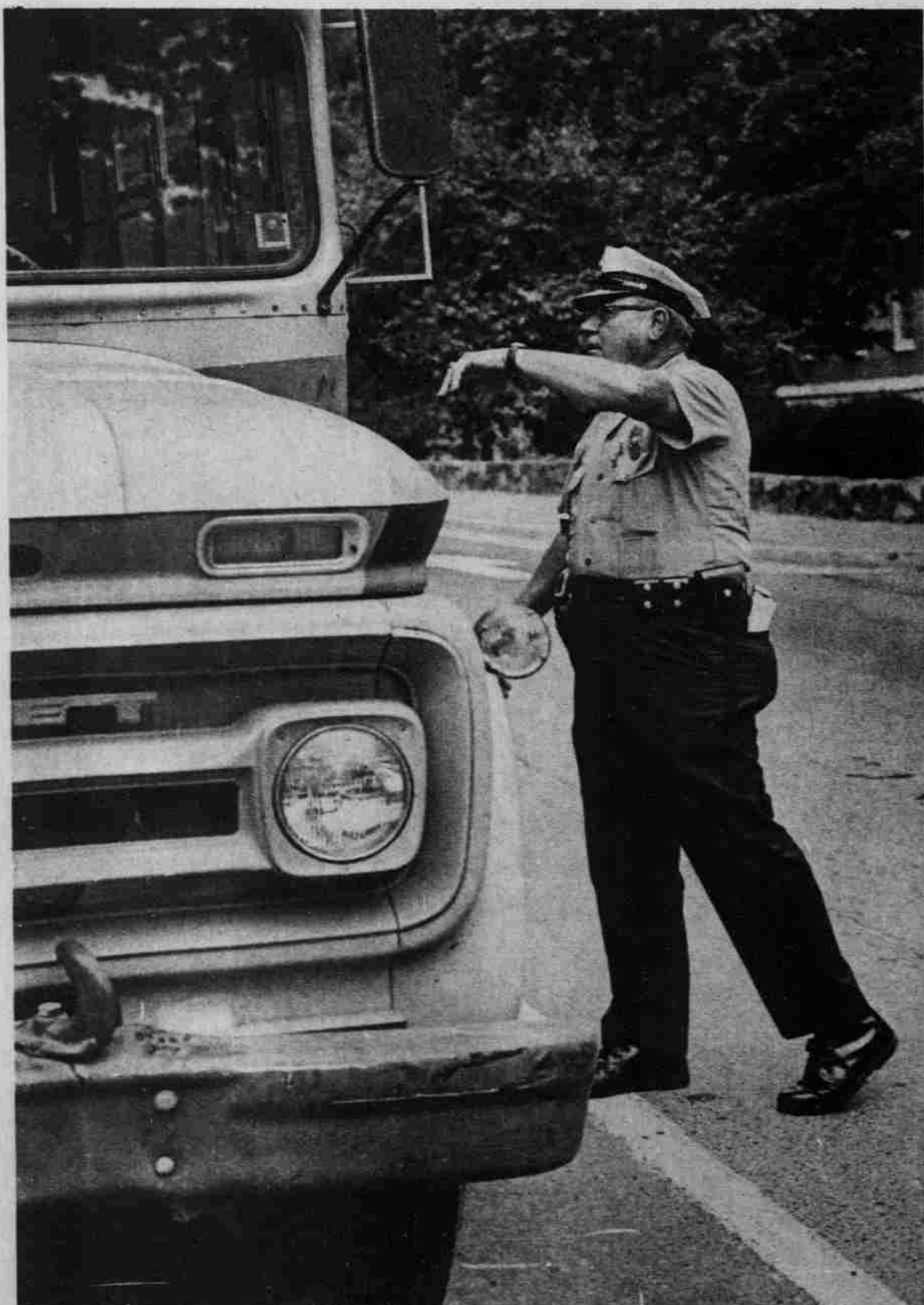
Life has slowed for Simms though, and now his pleasure comes mainly from fishing ("Down at Surf City last week we couldn't get a nibble for the whole three days.") and contemplating possible retirement next July. "I'll be 62 for real then, and maybe with the state pension and my Social Security I can just go spend the rest of my days out in the woods sitting on a creek bank."

But right now, life still consists of pounding the pavement, chain smoking Salems, and writing out parking tickets with a pen that has a pair of hands folded in prayer on the pocket clip.

It's eight hours a day of making people mad at you because you are reminding them of the trouble they are making for themselves.

But next time you see Simms out in the parking lot try to look below the Dirty Harry and see the Policeman Paul. It's there, and you can see it if you just will.

Officer Simms—isn't he the one that's gruff and neighborly all at the same time?



Confrontation? Not really. It's just the neighborly 'Policeman Paul' side coming through.